Receipt date: 11/30/2005 FORM PTO-1390 US DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER (REV. 01-2003) 125071 TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) 10/546,007 **CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371** INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED PCT/AU2004/000198 February 20, 2004 February 21, 2003 TITLE OF INVENTION SANITARY NAPKIN DISPOSAL ASSEMBLY APPLICANT FOR DO/EO/US Julie HAUTOP Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 1. 2. This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. Ø This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include 3 П items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. The US has been elected (Article 31). 4. 5. A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) a. 
 is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. 
 ☐ has been communicated by the International Bureau. c. 
 is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). 6. ☐ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) a. 
 is attached hereto. b. has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). The International Application was filed in English. 7. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) a. 

are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. 
 — have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. have not been made and will not be made. 8. An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). 9. An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). 10. An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included: An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. 12. An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. A preliminary amendment. 14.  $\Box$ An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76. 15. A substitute specification. 16. A power of attorney and/or change of address letter. 17. A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.

A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).

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